RECORD

Parish Smithsonian
Expedition To Haiti
1930

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Feb. 2

Left Union Station,
Washington, D.C. 9:30
A.M. by Seaboard
Air Line

Feb. 3

Arrived in Jackson-
ville, Florida 7:45
A.M. Left Jackson-
ville 10:00 A.M. for
Gainesville. Arrived
at Gainesville at
12:45 P.M. Called
on Mr. Van Hyning
and Mr. Aschemier.
Looked over mounted
and scientific skins
of birds and reptiles, etc.
with Mr. Van Hyning

Feb. 3 cont'd. Had dinner with Mr. Van Hyning and Mr. Aschemeier. Spent the night at Aschemeier's

Feb. 4 Spent part of the morning with Mr. Van Hyning looking over his shell collection which consists of eight hundred (800) species. I then carefully examined the mounted birds

Mr. Van Hyning had Mr. Aschemeier drive me to Ocala, and then to Silver Springs. Here I went on the Springs in a glass bottom boat. The marine life and reef there is fully worth the trip.

Returned to Gainesville at 3 P.M. and spent over the balance of their specimens.

Left Gainesville at 4:15 P.M. for Jacksonville arriving there at 7:05 P.M. Made reservation at the Carlton Hotel for the night

Feb. 5 Left Jacksonville at 8:30 A.M. for Miami Arrived in Miami at 7:10 P.M., took taxi for a hotel, had difficulty in finding a vacant room, finally made

Feb 5 cont'd. reservation at Esmeralda Hotel

On my trip to Ocala I heard one (1) Jew bird, Grackles, One (1) adult Bald Eagle

There is a new road that has been made through the marshes for about one and a half (1½) miles here.

There were hundreds of ducks, Gallinules, Grebes, Egrets, & Herons.

Feb. 6

Had breakfast about 7 A.M. - went to city Yacht Basin to locate Mr. Parish's boat, The Esperanza which I found in a short time.

Met Mr. & Mrs. Parish

Checked out of hotel and moved on board The Esperanza

Feb. 7

Looked over boat & found that they were not prepared to sail

Went to station & had my box, Containing my equipment, put on board, & unpacked it

Had difficulty in finding space for it as space in boat of this

Feb. 7 contd. size is limited.

Feb. 8

Relaped some birds that Mr. Lee Parish collected.

Feb. 9

Drive to Miami Beach with Mr. & Mrs. Parish. The beach is very pretty. The water has a greenish cast.

Off from the beach there were quite a few Terns, & Gulls, & Black Skimmers

Feb. 10-14 These days were spent around the boat assisting in getting things in order

Feb. 15

Left Miami at 4:15 P.M. Had a stormy night

Feb. 16

Morning was stormy about 10 a.m. two (2) Black-throated Blue warblers came aboard, but I was unable to collect them.

Later two (2) Md. yellow Throats came on board — was able to collect one. (1)

Arrived off Bimini Island at 1:00 P.M. the weather being still squally. Natives predicted a N.E. wind. & Turned

Feb. 16 cont'd.

on engine & headed for Gun Cay, Bahama Is., arriving there about night fall. Anchored in a small cove surrounded by reefs.

Had been in bed a short time when the storm hit us with a terrific force.

Our anchor started to drag so the engine was started to get enough slack in the anchor chain to take up the anchor

We then went out about fifty (50) yards and dropped the anchor. Here we, secured the anchor very tightly in the coral beds. The wind blew at a terrific speed the balance of the night causing us to lose sleep that night.

Feb. 17

A hard Northeast gale was still blowing, making the sea very heavy and rough. This made it impossible for us to land on Gun or Cat Cay

About three (3) P. M. we pulled up the anchor and started on. The heavy sea soon made us wish we had stayed anchored behind the reefs at Gun Cay.

We saw two (2) porpoises, but was

Feb. 17 contd. unable to harpoon them.

About dusk the wind became stronger and increased until we were forced to lower all sails except the foresail and mizzen sail.

At 8 P.M. the northeastern wind got stronger causing us to shoot down the mizzen sail with a shot gun.

Slept on deck in ~~water~~ rather than be hit with something below.

Feb. 18 The wind still had not subsided. All on board sea sick.

We anchored off the Bahama Banks. Saw one (1) Man-of-War

Feb. 19 5 P.M. we left the Bahama banks, the weather being still stormy.

Feb. 20 Weather stormy Can make out Cuba Gale broke main sail gaff.
Anchored at Gibara, Cuba for repairs Anchored about three miles from Gibara behind a peninsula, which extended across the bay.

Feb. 21 Went ashore and

Feb. 21 cont'd. met the Officials. Got permission to collect here while the boat was being repaired.

Spent collecting in the afternoon, east of Sibara.

Collected about twenty-five (25) birds such as Little Blue Herons, Louisiana Herons, & Green Herons & a Cuckoo.

While going through the Mangrove in a row boat, small fish would jump over our heads into the water on the opposite side of the boat.

In the hills I collected some Jur Birds, Grackles, Ground Doves, Morning Doves, & Starblers. I saw a parrot and a crow, and collected one robin, being the first one I had gotten in the West Indies. I also saw one Oriole. Starbles were plentiful.

Spent part of the night making up birds

Feb. 22.

Made up the balance of my specimens collected on the 21st.

Spent collecting again

Made up those specimens.

Feb 23

Make up the balance of the birds.

Went collecting inland, East about three (3) miles from Libara Bay

Found it very queer that there were no reptiles in this locality Mr. Parish collected two (2) Swamp Herons

Feb. 24

Put the out-board motor on one of the row boats, and Mr. Parish, his son Lee, and I went up the Libara River. I got ashore about a mile up the river. Mr. Parish and Lee went on up the river to collect on some hills. I collected on the plains.

Here I shot and collected the only Meadow Lark I saw in the West Indies. Tried to collect some crows, but was unsuccessful. The morning doves were nesting. I chased a Caracara about a mile until it finally flew off across the prairie.

I collected the following:
Robin, Kingbird, Red

Feb. 24 contd. Start, Palm Warbler, Golden Warblers, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, & Jew birds.

I saw one (1) Kingfisher and a bird that resembled a Scissor-tailed Fly catcher.

I tried to collect an Egret.

Little Blue Herons were very common here.

Feb. 25

I was too sick to collect to-day.

Mr. Parish went collecting.

I made up Mr. Parish's specimens.

There were two (2) Brown Pelicans in the Bay.

Feb. 26

Mr. Parish and I went to explore a cave about one (1) mile south of Gibara. I found it to be a very large one.

It has been marked for bat guano. Near the mouth of this cave I believe would be very good for manual bats.

I collected some bats, shells, and a few lizards.

Feb. 27

Scheduled to leave

Feb. 27 contd. to-day for Baracoa, but was detained on account of our water supply.

Feb. 28

Sailed for Baracoa. Weather very stormy. Had a narrow escape from reefs.

Caught a Kingfish, and a Dolfin

The birds in Cuba and locality are numerous in the following species:

Jew birds Egrets
Grackles Warblers
Pelicans Kingfishers
Stilts Turkey Buzzards
Herons - Snowy, (Little Blue & Great Blue & Green)

King birds Killdees
Robins Man-of-War
Grass Quits 3 Cat birds
Parula Warbler

Mar. 1

Off Port Tanamo Weather very stormy Sea very rough. Sailed into Tanamo Bay

Went collecting south of Boca de Tanamo. Here I collected my first Trogons. I saw three (3) Goat Suckers. I also collected a Robin and a Woodpecker.

Made up my specimens.

I never saw so many mosquitos

Mar. 1 cont'd. as there are here. The heavy growth of forest is responsible for this.

Mar. 2

Went collecting again, south of Boca de Yanamo. Mr. & Mrs. Parish and Lee went collecting on Turones Cay.

I went into the heaviest forest that I ever saw. Here I collected some Lizards, Trogons, Warblers, Ground Doves, White-winged doves, a Cat bird, a Goat Sucker, a White-Crowned Pigeon, and some Todies. The Todies here have a little blue on the mentum

Mar. 3

The Parishes collected on Turones Cay the following:
Iguana
Little Blue heron
Humming Bird & a Tanager (?)

Also collected two (2) of these Tanagers, a Cuckoo, a Finch, and a King bird, south of Boca de Yanamo.

Caught a Blue Shark eight (8) feet long using bird bodies. Also caught Pilot fish on same.

Made up specimens.

I was sick and feverish all day.

I saw an Osprey

Mar. 3 cont'd. which seemed to be much lighter than ours. I also saw two (2) Brown Pelicans

Mar. 4

Sailed at daybreak for Cayo Grande de Moa, a Key about one (1) mile and a half long, off from the Moa River, Cuba. It is about twenty-three (23) miles South-east of Gibara.

The weather was stormy, and the sea high and rough.

We had considerable trouble in working our way through the reefs to the Island. We thought we were doomed for a time, but finally anchored at 4 P. M.

The Parishes and I seemed to have a fever of some kind, but Mr. Parish, Lee, and I were very anxious to explore the Island. We started out not heeding Mrs. Parish's advice.

We found the Island to be covered with a dense growth of scrub palms, cypress, and mangroves.

We soon became

Mar. 4 cont'd. separated from each other. At times it was necessary for me to crawl on my hands and knees.

I collected three (3) Golden Starblers, two (2) Black-throated blue warblers, and two (2) Water Thrushes.

I returned at dusk to the boat. Mr. Parish returned soon afterward.

At 8 P.M. Lee had not yet shown up. One of the sailors and I took one of the two motor boats and went ashore to look for him.

We dragged the boat on the beach as far as possible and tied it. We searched along the beach and soon discovered his tracks in the sand. We traced him for a mile and a half when we lost the trail in the heavy growth.

We fired guns hoping he would hear them and answer, but this failed. We did not venture into the interior because of the many small lagoons.

Mar. 4 cont'd.

We searched until midnight, when my feder got the best of me and We had to give up the search and make our way back to the motor boat.

Arriving at the beach, we were surprised to find that the tide had come in. It was almost impossible to wade through the breakers so we had to find another way. We followed a small trail around the banks made by the wild goats on the Island. While following the trail a goat dashed by me. It sure frightened me for a moment.

We finally reached the boat after wading and crawling for about two miles.

The waves had filled the boat with water, but it seemed to be all right. After we emptied the water out, we started for the yacht, which was anchored a mile around the Island. We had gone about twenty-five (25) yards from shore when the

Mar. 4 Cont'd. boat sank. She jumped overboard and swam ashore bringing the boat with her. She found that the waves had dashed it against something and broke several holes in the bottom.

In the meantime Mr. & Mrs. Parish and one of the sailors went on the opposite side of the Island, this side having no beach, and ~~[illegible]~~ on the leeward side, they were able to go close to the shore. They found Lee on a Mangrove swamp about midway the Island.

The sailors came in the other motor boat later and rescued us.

Mar. 5.

Made up the specimens we had collected on Moa Cay.

She collected twenty (20) birds.

Mar. 6

Went collecting on the mainland in the vicinity of the Moa River.

Mr. S. St. Parish collect

Mar. 6 contd. a nice series of Parrots.

The forest along the Fabrico and the Moa Rivers is very dense. This would probably make a fruitful trip for some one who could spend six weeks or a month here. I believe there is some fine material such as birds and reptiles in the huge tropical forests, and fish in the Fabrico and Moa Rivers.

From here they could work their way up the Moa River, which is very clear and swift.

After I reached the boat I decided to go to the Moa Cay to collect some lizzards. I collected a few of them.

It seems peculiar that there aren't many lizzards in Cuba

Mar. 7

Made up specimens that Mr. Parish had collected at dusk on March 6.

I went collecting on Moa Cay, which is scarce of animal life.

Mar. 8

Made up specimens
Went collecting

Mar. 8 cont'd. up the Moa River with Lee

Collected some shells and lizards.

Saw the following birds, and collected a few of these species.

Egret
Green Herons
Blackbirds
Superciliary woodpecker
Scaled Pigeon
Sparrow Hawk
Six (6) pair of Brown Pelican
White-crowned Pigeons
Trogons
Parrots
Cuban Lizzard Cuckoo
Robins with white abdomens were very abundant
Oriole
Large Cuban Kingbird
Three (3) pair of Ospreys
Several Man-of-Stars

Mar. 9

Caught one shark 8 feet 2 inches long

Sailed at 8 a.m. for Baracoa

Heather squally

Arrived at Baracoa at 4 P.M.

Mar. 10

Sent my clothes to the laundry

Helped to get supplies on board

Mar. 11

Sailed from Baracoa

Made a speed of 1 knot per hour

Heather Calm - No wind

Mar 12 Weather Calm-
Made good speed-
Same as March 11
Reached the
Windward Passage
about mid-day
Saw hundreds
of red-footed boobies
Sudden gale boosted
our speed up to
12 knots per hour

Mar. 13

Reached St. Marc
Point about 7 A.M.
Turned on engine
and went to Port au
Prince. Arrived 4:10 P.M.

Mar. 14

Was sick all night
with fever

Mar. 15

Felt much better
Went to see Gen.
Russel and Gen.
Evans in regard
to collecting permit.
Was unable to get
permit because
Haitian Investigating Comm.
were kept busy
Haiti dent as peace-
ful as it was on
my previous visit

Mar. 16

Had company on
board, namely:
Majors Steel and
Murray, Col. Coyle,
Major Greer, and
families

Mar. 17

Had planned on going Collecting at Mokilet, but were still unable to secure permits

Mar. 18

Collecting postponed again because of permits

Mar. 19

Sailed from Port au Prince for Gonave Island.

Lieut. Stirkus Col. and Mrs. Coyle were aboard

Sailed from Port au Prince at 7 a. m. arriving at Petite Gonave at 12:10 P. M.

Had lunch Mr. Parish, Senior and Junior, Lieut. Stirkus and I went collecting.

Lee and Lieut. Stirkus were to collect Iguanas. I was to collect birds.

There were the following birds on the Island:

Little Blue Herons
Little Green Herons
Louisiana Heron
Gray King birds
White-winged Doves
White-crowned Pigeons
Ground Doves,
Mocking birds
Some golden Warblers
2 Yellow "

Mar. 19 cont'd. 1 Rail - 1 yellow Leg & shot both
6 Semipalmated Plovers
7 Ly catchers

The Iguanas were a sight worth seeing. There seemed to be hundreds of them. I only collected one. I saw about ten (10) small lizards, and collected a few of them.

Petite Gonave has an area of approximately 13 acres, being entirely of sharp craboir like stone.

It is impossible to climb over these stones unless you wear rubber shoes.

The center of the Island is a salt water marsh covered with mangroves.

This is the most interesting Island I have ever visited.

We spent about 3½ hours collecting on it.

That night I worked very late making up my birds, because we were to leave in the morning for the west end of Gonave Island. It is impossible to make up birds while the boat is in motion.

Mar. 20

We sailed along

Mar. 20 contd. the south coast of Gonare Is., anchoring at the light house on the west end about 6:30 P.M.

Mar. 21

Ma. S. Parish, Lieut. Strikus and I went ashore collecting.

There were about 8 pair of tropic birds nesting along the cliffs, which were about 30 feet high. There were about 6 pair of Cliff swallows

Common:- Bullfinches
Humming Birds
Doves - Ground & White winged
Mocking Birds
Tanagers
Honey Creepers
The White-crowned Pigeon and Gray King Bird are very common here.

I saw one robin, and wounded it, but lost it in the heavy brush.

I also saw one (1) Red-tailed Hawk and two (2) Sparrow Hawks

Lieut. Strikus went back into the interior to a higher elevation on the cliffs. Here he saw some goat Suckers. (From his description they must be the same as Mr. Band collected.)

I also saw one (1) woodpecker.

Mar. 21 (cont'd

We sailed for Anse a Galet at 11:45 A.M., arriving there at 6 P.M.

It was unable to make up my birds while sailing, so postponed it until the following morning.

Mar. 22

Mrs. Parish, Lee, Lieut. Strikus and wife went on a trip into the interior of Gonave called Palma.

I made up the birds I collected on Mar. 21 at West end of Gonave.

While on deck making up skins at Anse Galet, I saw, flying at a distance, two Man-of-Wars, 6 Pelicans, 2 Great Blue Herons, and 1 robin.

Mr. Parish collected some birds from Palma section

I collected fish around boat

Mar. 23

Prepared specimens from Palma.

Lee and I went ashore to get some lizards and bats.

Sailed from Anse Galet at 1:30 P.M. for Port au Prince. Arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Mar 24 Shipped the specimens previously collected.

Took on supplies

Mar 25

Took on supplies

Mar 26

Went in search of Haitian Turkey or Gran Rèle at Montet (From what I can learn from its habits, it must be the Horned Screamer or some specie of bird similar)

Mar 27

Went collecting at Montet

There is a salt stream coming from the plains here.

Along this stream I collected three (3) Least Bittern. I saw about fifteen (15)

The Floreda Gallinule is very common here. I collected three (3) specimens for the museum. I also found a nest with one egg. I am quite sure it is a Gallinule.

Green Herons are very numerous. I collected two.

I shot one (1) Grebe, which had a young. I collected it also.

I saw an Ibis

Mar 27 (cont'd) but was unable to collect it.

I saw a few White winged Doves & Juv Birds.

I heard a Cuckoo

About noon I returned to the boat at Port au Prince, and prepared my specimens collected.

Mar. 28

I went back to Montet in hopes of collecting the Gran Rèle.

While doing so, I saw the following birds & was able to collect same.

1 Blue Heron 6 Green Hn.
1 Cape May Warbler
Several Juv Birds

8 Grass Quits
1 Obearer Finch
Several Gallinules
1 Rail 1 Ibis
Several Lesser Yellow
" Willets (Leg
2 Maryland Yellow Throat
6 Grackles
4 Palm Crows
4 Killdees - probably Haitian
2 Semipalmated Plovers

I also saw one bird I did not recognize, probably a finch.

There is supposed to be ducks here, but was unable to find any.

I returned to boat and made up specimens.

Mar. 29 Scheduled to sail,

Mar 29 (cont'd) but was unable to do so.

Mar 30

Still unable to sail.

Mar 31

There still delayed I went south west of Port au Prince and collected some birds

I later found out that I was very fortunate in collecting in the natives' gardens here.

Lieut. Buck informed me that the natives will not allow anyone to hunt here

I did not find many birds. The natives said that the weather was too hot for birds from the latter part of March until the latter part of October

I saw the following:

Several Woodpeckers
Palm Chats
White-winged Doves
Ground Doves
Honey Creepers
2 Golden-Crowned Thrushes
Several Gray King Birds
Prairie Warblers
Cape May "

April Made up specimens

April 2

Made up specimens collected by Lee at Thomazeau, when he went to meet his parents there

April 3

Went to the Service Technique and purchased 10 gallons of alcohol to attend to the other things

Apr. 4

Sailed from Port au Prince at 9:30 A.M. for the Cayemites. We had head winds all that day and night. The wind went down as the moon came up so we about one knot per hour.

Apr. 5

Sea very calm and no wind.

About noon we started the engine. Reached Baraderes Bay at 6:10 P.M. and anchored there.

Apr. 6

We found that we were not far from Petit Trou de Nippes, where there is a very large cave. Mr. Miller was very anxious for us to explore it.

Apr. 6 (Cont'd)

We lowered the small boat, which is equipped with an out-board motor, and started for Marpon. There, we were told, were two caves.

On our way there we saw several Pelicans and Frigate birds. We traveled through a very narrow opening through the Mangroves, in order to get to the mainland.

Marpon is a very beautiful valley. The various tropical trees such as palms, bananas, sugar cane, etc give it a typical tropical setting.

The first thing we saw in the way of bird life was Woodpeckers and Grackles.

We went to the cave first, which is about 300 yards south west of the village.

As we entered, I saw many owl pellets on the floor of the cave. We went a little farther and saw a Barn owl roosting on a stalagmite and shot it. I collected the pellets for Dr. Miller

Apr. 6 (Cont'd)

This cave is not very good for Dr. Miller's work. It is very dry, therefore, if there are any bones in there, they would be in a good state of preservation.

The dirt on the floor is very shallow. We tested several places, but found nothing of interest.

There are some wonderful owl roosts in the cave.

I found some human remains on a shelf.

We went about a mile and a half south to explore another cave.

On my way there I saw some small woodpeckers. I collected one of them. These were the first I had seen or collected in Haiti.

I collected a pair of Ruddy Quail Doves, these being my first ones also.

I also saw the following birds:

Trojans
Large Woodpeckers
Robins Martins
Green Flycatchers
Black-throated Blue
Red Starts (Warblers
Black & White Warblers
Vireos Kingbirds

Apr. 6 (Cont'd) Honey Creepers
Palm and Small
Tanagers.

There were thirty-two (32) specimens of birds collected including snakes and lizards One of these snakes I have heard a few curious tales about it biting one's arm or foot, and one would have to pry its jaw open to make it let go.

Apr. 7

Made up specimens collected at Marpon. Mr. Parish went collecting on Boucan Peninsula

I collected some lizzards and snakes. Mr. Parish collected some Palm Tanagers which seemed to be different from all others collected

Apr. 8

Has feverish Rested all day

Apr. 9

Lee and I went to Petit Trou de Nippes to look up the large cave that Dr. Miller wanted us to work for mammal bones.

Petit Trou de Nippes

Apr. 9 (cont'd) as I understood it, is an old English fort.

We went to the Catholic Priest there, and found him to be very friendly.

He did not know of this particular cave, but said that the hills back of the village toward the Mt. Sangris range are full of small dry caves.

Then we went to the Gendarmerie Station. Here the Italian Sergeant in Command sent a prisoner for three horses, Lin Lee, a guide, and I. The guide knew a chief of a section who could tell us of a large cave having a lake in one of its chambers.

While the prisoner was gone, we met the Magistrate. We noticed that he was having a deep conversation with the Sergeant.

After the Magistrate had gone, the Sarg't. told us that the prisoner had escaped but the Magistrate would furnish us with horses.

He immediately came to the con-

Apr. 9 Cont'd clusion that the prisoner had not escaped, but this was only a scheme of the magistrate's to get some money. We took the horses from the prisoner, and charged us an exorbitant price which at any other place would have brought the animals instead of hiring them for a day.

After much arguing, we finally started on our way. About three fourths of a mile South of the village there is a small lagoon. Here Lee and I collected some Stilts, Gallinules, Rails, Killdees, Louisiana Herons, Swallows, and Little Blue Herons.

From here we went West along the coast for two miles to the Chief-of-the-Section's hut.

On our way there we saw a Purple Gallinule, Trogons, and Grackles. Lee shot a Palm Chat, the only one I saw in the South-western part of State.

The growth along the trail is much different from that

Apr. 9 (cont'd) in the northern part of Haiti. This was my idea of the tropics, beautiful palms and cocoanut trees everywhere.

The Chief was waiting for us, and was dressed for the occasion. He had on a Khaki helmet, a discarded Gendarme coat, and blue denim trousers, but was in bare feet. He had his badge all polished & shined, and carried a Haitian's weapon, a machete, at his side. He worshiped the large knife.

He greeted us with the usual.

custom of drinking clarets, in which we had to take part.

His home was a neat hut surrounded by beautiful cocoanut palms.

The cave is only a quarter of a mile from his house, and has two entrances.

The first chamber was the largest. It had the appearance of a good deal for extinct animal bones. I dug several test holes, but found nothing.

Then we went into the other chambers, but they were too damp.

Apr. 9 Cont'd

In one of the chambers there was a lake of clear water. We found no traces of natives using this cave to worship in. Dr. Miller said he knew or heard of a large cave here with a lake in it, which was used by the natives to practice their Voodoo Ceremonies in.

The natives say that these caves are full of water during the rainy season.

Mr. P. St. Parrish collected some good specimens on Gran Boucan or Presque Ile des Baradères

I collected some snakes and lizzards.

Apr. 10

I made up the specimens we collected on April 9.

The Parrishes went collecting in the vicinity of Baradères River.

Apr. 11

Parrishes went collecting on Baradères River.

I went to collect reptiles on Presque Ile des Baradères

I collected a nice series of lizzards.

Apr. 11 (Contd.) I also have on hoard about 150 live lizzards for Dr. Mann.

I made up specimens the Parishes collected.

Left for the Cayemites in one of the highest seas we ever had.

Anchored at the Gran Cayemites about dark.

Apr. 12

During our trip yesterday my alcoholic specimens were overturned and some of the skins got wet.

I stayed aboard to take care of them.

I saw quite a few parrots flying over Gran Cayemites.

Mr. S. H. Parish went collecting there. I wish we could spend a week here.

Pulled out for Petit Cayemites.

Anchored about a hundred yards south of Petit Cayemites. All were anxious to go ashore to collect.

I collected a Grass Quit, a Honey Creeper, a Gray King Bird, white crowned Pigeon, Flycatcher, Ground Dove, which seemed to be of a reddish cast. It may

Apr. 12 (Cont'd) be from the reddish soil between the lime stone rocks.

I heard a bird that had a note like a Towhee, but because of the heavy underbrush and rocks, I was unable to get sight of it. I tried several times to see it while I was crawling through the Madame Michel Grass.

I heard a note like that of a wren. I turned quickly and without any doubt I saw a wren-like bird with its tail up, perched on a stem of Michel grass.

I became all excited. I fired, and the bird fell. I rushed over, but was unable to locate it. It must have hopped into one of the many crevices in the rocks.

Darkness soon overtook me, so I started back very much disappointed with my days hunt.

Lee returned and told of hearing a bird with a note similar to that of a Towhee. He saw it and shot at it, but missed.

Apr. 12 contd. He said it was of a grayish cast with white on the sides of its head.

Mr. Parish collected three birds.

He all agreed that this Island was one of the hardest places to collect on we had experienced.

Apr. 13

I was very feverish so stayed on board.

I collected about a hundred fish.

Mr. Parish and Lee went collecting on Petit Cayemite.

Mr. Parish & Lee collected on the west coast of Gran Cayemites also.

I made up the fifteen (15) specimens they collected

Apr. 14

Felt much better

Made up specimens Mr. Parish & Lee collected yesterday.

Mr. Parish and Lee collected on Petit Cayemites

Apr. 15

Made up specimens Mr. Parish and Lee collected yesterday.

Saw two Red-tailed Hawks

Apr. 16

Went collecting on Petit Cayemites for unusual birds and Iguanas.

I saw one very large Iguana, but it went into a hole. Collected some lizzards.

Saw one Mangrove Cuckoo.

Collected a Golden Warbler and a Mocking Bird, also a Fly catcher.

Collected some fish and crustaceans

Apr. 17

Lee went collecting on Petit Cayemites.

He collected a Quail Dove and a Red-tail Hawk. Both are new for this Island.

Made up specimens.

Apr. 18

Mr. & Mrs. Parish went to Coral to get supplies.

I had to get my skins and alcoholic specimens packed because we were to sail the following day.

The Marine Lieut. in charge at Coral said the Man-of-Wars in that vicinity would fly down and

Apr. 18 Still chickens.
Mr. Parish collected some birds from Beef Island on his way back from Coral Bay Island is about five (5) miles west of Petit Cayemites
I was very glad he went there because I had hopes of collecting there. I will make them up tomorrow at sea if possible

Apr. 19
Sailed from Petit Cayemites for Ile a Vache.
Sea very high
Anchored at Jeremie harbor exposed to open sea.
Sailed again in a few hours. Had to anchor about two hundred yards from shore.
Had to put specimens in alcohol.
High sea-rounid

Apr. 20
Calm sea - no sailing breeze.
8 P.M. finally reached Cap Dasmarie. Beautiful moonlight
Some queer and heavy shark came up beside the boat. It was about 25 feet

Apr. 20 (cont'd) long. It was that long because it came up within a few feet of the side. The compared its length with that of the boat.

Apr 21

South east trade winds make sea very rough.

Finally decided to anchor at Bizie Bay, which is in the vicinity of Bariadele River.

Airplane from Port du Prince nearly had a crash. They were unable to land and deliver our mail.

All were suffering with the fever.

Mr. Parish and I went ashore although we could hardly walk.

We saw some guineas. Collected some lizzard Cuckoos, and Palm Tanagers.

There is quite a lot of coffee grown here.

Made up specimens. Laundried my clothes

Apr 22

All feeling badly. Managed to collect

Apr 22 some fish
(cont'd)

Apr 23 Decided not to sail until all felt better.
Mr. Parish, Lee, and I went collecting three miles south of Begin.
Collected some Palm Tanagers Grackles. Flycatchers Todies
Yellow-Crowned Night 2 Ground Cuckoo Heron
Jew Bird Thrush
I collected some large lizzards that I had not collected before in Haiti

Made up specimens at night.
Put light over side of boat to attract fish and crustaceans. Collected quite a few

Apr. 24

Continued on our way to Ile a Vache
2 head winds.
Reached Pà Bourgaup

Apr. 25

Tacking against strong head winds
Reached Pà Gravois about dusk
Turned on engines

Apr 25 (contd.) Anchored at Anse à l'Ecu at 9 P.M.

I never saw so many fish in my life.

Apr 26

Hooked up engines and started through the narrow channel which winds its way through the reefs, to Anse Cayes for supplies.

We had a very narrow escape once with the reefs.

Had to anchor about 500 yards out from Anse Cayes.

Took on supplies

Apr 27

Took gasoline on which had to be brought out to us in barges.

Went south east across the Bare des Cayes to Ile a Vache.

Anchored in Ferret Bay.

This surely is a promising looking Island

Ferret Bay is a beautiful little bay on the west end of the Island

The shores are completely surrounded by a fine sandy beach and palms.

Apr 27 (Cont'd) There is a bricked well on the shore, a relic of some old French plantation.

The natives here seem to be more healthy than the usual run of Haitians.

Just about 200 yards west of this well there is a shell mound.

The Island as a whole is comparatively level.

About half a mile south of Ferret Bay, there is a hill one hundred and fifty feet high. There is another one of the same height midway between West and East.

There are two lagoons, the one on the extreme West end, having quite a few crocodiles. The natives say that in very dry weather large crocodiles will come up to their huts and kill dogs, pigs, and chickens.

The other lagoon is in the center of the Island of Idle Vache approximately 1 3/4 miles from the

Apr. 27 (cont'd) west end. This one is a very large one, but produced nothing in the way of animal life.

It is surrounded by the largest Mangroves I ever saw.

After we anchored at Ferret Bay, Mr. Parish and I went collecting along the shore on the west end of the Is.

We collected the following:

Cuckoos	Tanagers
Jew Birds	Finches
Grackles	Mocking
Sparrow Hawks	Birds

Honey Creepers
Ground Doves
Swallows and
White-crowned
Pigeons are abundant.

I also collected some lizards, which seem to be similar to those we collected at Bigie.

Apr. 28

I made up specimens while Mr. Parish and Lee visited Raquette Cay, which is on the (east) (west) side of the channel approaching Ferret Bay, to try to collect some Man-of-War

Apr. 28 (cont'd) and Brown Pelicans. They seem to stay around quite a lot.

Mr. Parish and Lee collected a nice series of Green Herons in their various stages of life.

Made up ' ' specimens.

Apr. 29

Collected some snakes, lizards, fish, and Crustaceans.

Apr. 30

Mr. Parish and I went collecting south of Ferret Bay.

He saw a beautiful Yellow-crowned Night Hawk, but was unable to kill him. I also collected two Broad-winged Hawks, these being my first.

Altogether, we collected thirty one (31) birds.

I collected some small Tree Frogs. These we my first, also. I also got some lizzards.

Some natives told me of a snake which they called the snake of fire.

After an hour's time I saw it. I

Apr. 30 cont'd. tried to catch it alive, but had to shoot it.

I found a very large shell mound one mile southeast of the well previously visited.

May 1

Made up specimens collected on April 30.

Lee went collecting in the North Central part of the Island.

He collected a few birds

May 2

Weather stormy

Mr. Parish went collecting on West End. He collected some of the following birds:

Bull Finches Swallows
Grass Quits Honey-
Red Starts Creepers

I saw three (3) Tree Ducks flying.

May 3

Weather stormy

Collected some snakes, fish, lizards and crustaceans

In the afternoon, Mr. Parish collected some Tree Ducks.

Young Grebes
Green Heron
Little Blue Heron

May 3 (contd.) Honey Creepers
Bull Finches
White-wing Dove
Grass Quits

May 4

Made up specimens collected yesterday.
Heather stormy - hindered us with our work

May 5

Made cages for a turtle, twenty (20) vine and other snakes.
Collected some snakes.
Mr. Parish collected a Pelican, Man-of-War, and Water Thrush.

May 6

Made up the birds collected on May 5.
Collected some rats, mice, and crabs.
Shot a yellow-crowned Heron
I saw a Man-of-War apparently trying to catch a white-winged Pigeon.
Mr. Parish and Lee went by boat to the northeast end, which is very low.
They collected two Black Poll Warblers.
Lee spoke of an unusual bird he saw.
They collected two stilts, the Louisiana and

May 6 (cont'd.) Yellow-crowned Herons. Other than White-crowned Pigeons, birds were not plentiful.

Mr. Parish and Lee also went collecting on the lagoon for some Gallinules and Sandpipers, which I heard, and wanted for the collection.

May 7

Made up specimens. Lee collected some small Crocodiles. Packed specimens. Caught some Crabs.

May 8

Sailed for Any Cayes.

Shipped specimens to Port au Prince by marine trucks. Took on gas and supplies.

Left for Dame Marie. Went from there to Navassa Is. Made good time.

May 9

Good breeze. Making good time. Saw a school of Killer Whales.

Lots of storms passing over mainland.

Decided to anchor at Bigie Bay because Navassa Island is only thirty (30) miles off from Dame Marie.

May 9 (cont'd.) We had to arrange it so we would anchor there about daybreak. The sea would stay calm until ten o'clock.

Caught some fish
Saw a school of Porpoise.

Left here about midnight in thunder storm

May 10

Reached Navassa Island at daybreak.

Anchored at Lulu Bay after much difficulty.

Lulu Bay is a very small indentation in the rock, about a hundred (100) feet. This gives enough lee from the southeast trade winds for an early morning anchorage.

This Island is entirely surrounded by a twenty-foot wall, making it inaccessible, except in Lulu Bay, where there is a swinging ladder. This was built by the United States Lighthouse Service.

It is said that in the olden days several families of white people lived here, who had negro slaves mining for

May 10 (Cont'd.) iron ore. The slaves revolted, murdered their masters, and escaped to Haiti, where some of them are still living; dodging the law.

After anchoring, we lowered one of the small boats and rowed over to the iron ladder. I got my shins barked because the swells dashed our boat against the rocks.

There is a derrick on the edge of the cliff, which the Light House Service uses in hauling gas on shore, for the automatic light house wick is located on the top of the Island. This marks the west side of the windward Passage. between Haiti & Navassa

The first sight which amazed me was the hundreds of Boobies and Frigate-birds. Most of the vegetation is Mangroves and some kind of a thorn brush.

I collected some Ground doves, Vireos, young Boobies, and young Frigate-birds on the first plateau. I saw several long-tailed lizzards, but

May 10 (cont'd.) was unable to collect any of them.

I tried to locate some Black Marine Iguanas, but was unable to find any. If there are any here, I can't see how it would possible for them to get into any water.

From this plateau I went upon the top of the hill, which extends almost the entire length of the Island. The top is flat like the first level.

All the Mangrove trees were roosting places for sea birds.

Because of limited time, I was unable to explore as much as I would like to; nevertheless, we were able to collect sixteen (16) specimens.

Lee collected three long head and tail lizards.

All were exhausted when we returned.

Sailed away at 10 a. m. for the West end of Gonave Is.

May 11

Making slow speed
No breeze
Made up part of my specimens.

May 12

We had planned to collect on the west end of Gonave Island, (Point Quest) but on reaching the sea, we found it was so high that we had to continue on down the south coast of Gonave Is.

I was very disappointed because I had hopes of collecting some Goat suckers, and had possibilities of collecting some parrots, which live in the heavy woods there.

May 13

Ran on to a school of porpoise off P. à Pierrot. Lee was unsuccessful in harpooning any. I was also unsuccessful in harpooning any at Chichata.

Saw a very large shark off Point Coles de fer.

Anchored at Petite Gonave with the idea of collecting some live Iguanas for Dr. Mann.

May 14

The natives told us that if we would put some alcohol

May 14 (cont'd.)

in the pockets in the rocks that the Iguanas would crawl out and drink it. This would make them lace, and then it would be very easy to pick them up.

We tried this but did not succeed. If they got drunk, they must have crawled between the rocks until they sobered up.

We coaxed the natives to assist us in capturing six (6) Iguanas. ~~They will~~ captured ~~[illegible]~~ by taking a forked stick and surrounding the Iguanas lying asleep on the rocks. As soon as they awake and find themselves surrounded, they put up a very good fight.

It seems queer these natives who are born and raised on this Is., seeing them all around their huts, should be so much afraid of them.

I collected one baby Iguana, a male and female. I also got samples of rocks, etc. for a group.

May 14 (Cont'd.) On the east end of Gonave Island there are two lagoons, which according to the natives, have lots of ducks, and other water fowl. They also claim that there are lots of crocodiles, some being very large.
Sailed for Port au Prince

May 15
Skinned Iguanas.
Made up balance of specimens from Matasea ~~injected~~ which I had ~~embalmed~~.
Mr. Parish went Guinea hunting.
He collected a fine specimen of a Limpkin.

May 16
Made up specimen of Limpkin.
Spent the rest of the day packing specimens

May 17
Went collecting for Gran Rèlè.
Collected some shrimp
attended to laundry
Bought return ticket.

May 18
Went collecting for

May 18 (cont'd) live reptiles

May 19

Spent most of the day at American Consul with Lee to help discharge a German sailor

May 20

Spent the day doing miscellaneous errands

May 21

Did miscellaneous work

May 22

I find that my sixty five (65) live snakes, a tree duck, six Iguanas, twelve lizzards, one crocodile, and a turtle is a problem because of natural curiosity.

May 23

Made cages for live specimens and had them carried ashore

May 24

Hired a machine and went hunting for Gran Reli.

I collected a small turtle alive. They are hard to get because the natives use them for medicine in

May 24 their Voodoo practice
(cont'd.)

May 25

Spent the day making bills of lading, etc.

May 26

Went collecting on the Monocacy River. Brush was very thick on both banks. I waded most of the distance of several miles.

I collected some fish and crustaceans.

I saw several Queen Anne's Lace plants, and collected a couple of them

Birds were very scarce.

May 27

Attended to my final arrangements before sailing

May 28

Was at Custom House early to see that my snakes, etc. would not be put in the sun.

Lost a large portion on account of chlorinated water.

Boxes all O.K.

Sailed on S. S. Aroon.

May 29

Quite a distance from Haiti. Was somewhat disappointed, though, because I did not collect the specimens I wanted, namely; The parrot on Gonave Island, the wren-like bird on Petite Cayemites, and the very large owl, which is supposed to be on the prairies, and the Grak Rèlè.

The Gran Rèlè, I believe, must be something similar to the Horned Screamer of South America.

It is usually seen along creeks that run through the prairies. At one time they were very numerous, but at the present are quite rare.

They are sometimes called the Haitian turkey by the Marines.

Some say that they look something like our Turkey Buzzard, being brown and sometimes grayish in color. They fly only when forced to do so, and utter a very loud screaming noise. They are

May 29 (cont'd.) excellent for food. I did get the Red Snake, having a white line under each eye, on this trip.

This snake, I believe will be a new one for Haiti

May 30.

Weather very calm

May 31

Weather stormy Kingbird came aboard

June 1

My live specimens are a little cold.

My Quail escaped from the box and flew out over the ocean, but returned and lit on its cage.

The Tree Duck eats corn out of my hand

June 2

Docked about 9 A.M. in New York

Took taxi to Pennsylvania R. R. Station.

Took 10:10 A.M. train for Washington

Arrived at Union Station at 3:20 P.M.

Parish - Smithsonian Expedition to Haiti
1930. Taken from Log of the Esperanza as
written by Lee Parish.

February 15, 1930 left Miami, Fla., 3:50 P.M.

Feb. 16. 10:30 P.M. Bimini bears SSE and is distant about 8-10 miles. A small bird came aboard. Perry go identified it as a Maryland Yellowthroated Warbler. Killed at Sea Lat. 25°54' N. Long. 79°23' W. Long.

Feb. 20. 4.30 Anchored at Port Gibara, Cuba.

Feb. 21 1 P. M. went hunting - Santa Rosalia Lagoon. Landed and walked overland to beach opposite boat.

Feb. 24. A. M. up. Gibara River and Killed about 18 birds.

Feb. 25. S. W. and Mother went up river and brought back several fine birds.

Feb. 28 Left Port Gibara 11:25 A.M.
1.40 Caught a fairly large dolphin

March 1. 10:40 A.M. anchored Port Tangano.
S. W. and W. P. went ashore in P. M. and collected 11 beautiful birds, 2 woodpeckers, 1 goatsucker, 1 Trogon, 2 Todys, 2 black-throated blue warblers, 1 wood pewee, 1 fly catcher, 1 redstart.

March 2, 1930. Ashore in P. M. to Point Gorda and Turnes Key. Killed a hummingbird and another small bird, also killed an iguana. S.W.P. killed five birds, White-winged Dove, Blue Heron, etc.

March 4. 8:25 a.m. Anchor clear and under way for Cayo Moa.

1:30 Dropped anchor under Pajaro Point. Ashore in P.M. to collect. Light showers. Walked north on the east end of the cay - following the beach as it turned northwesterly. Attempted to cross the island several times but came on an exceedingly thick mangrove swamp. Finally came to the crik - dry at low water separating Cayo Grande de Moa from Cayo Chico. It is only about 25 yards wide. Proceeded up crik until water was waist deep; went into mangrove swamp and proceeded toward the southward. Swamp was almost impossible and finally came to bay. Mangroves grow down into water which was too deep for wading. As night was falling climbed a tree to wait until a boat was sent. Shot in groups of 3 frequently - Finally was picked up about 9:15 P.M.

March 6, Ashore and up the Moa River. It is a beautiful stream 2 miles from the mouth. Swift clear and fresh. Real Tropical forests hang over it and many colorful birds

Are seen. Shot 3 parrots, 1 heron, 2 trogons, 2 cuckoos, 1 grackle and several other small birds.
At 4:30 went up the Fabrico River - a short bayou through the mangroves - we went to an old plantation, deserted, and hunted for doves and pigeons. ~~Killed~~

March 8 Went up river in P.M.
S.W. Killed six pigeons in A.M.

March 9. 8:00 anchor up and under way.
2:40 P.M. Dropped anchor at Baracoa.

March 11 9:00 P.M. Cleared entrance Baracoa for Port-au-Prince.

March 13, 4:30. Dropped hook off Port Captains office, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

March 19, 6:40 A.M. Cast off from dock Port-au-Prince for Gonaves.
11:05 A.M. anchored between points of Petite Gonaves and Wirkus Bay.
I went ashore on Petite Gonaves in afternoon to collect. Island thickly populated with iguanas and many birds. Most of surface elevated 15 to 30 feet. ~~Weather~~ Mountain sides covered to middle points and going very difficult. Surrounded by shallow coral reef. ~~Coast about 4 miles~~. Islands of rock are connected by mangrove swamp and three sand beaches. Upon two of the latter are native settlements. The

March 20, 12:30 P.M. under way for the west end of La Gonave
Ran down to west end and anchored off light at West end 6:30 P.M.

March 22 12:10 P.M. anchor clear and under way from West Point to Anse-à-Galets.
Shore party returned with many bird.
5:05 dropped anchor Anse-à-Galets Bay.

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March 24, 2:45 P.M. left Anse-à-Galets for Port-au-Prince

April 4. 10:50 a.m. Cleard dock outbound.

April 5. 7:10 P.M. Dropped anchor East of Trou Boucan.

April 6. ashore to Mapou. and visited two Cavs.

April 7. S.W. ashore on the Peninsula collecting.

April 8. S.W. and self to Petit Trou des Nippes.

April 9. Perrygo + self to Petit Trou. got horses and visited cave, very large, many rooms, lake, but is damp and has no bats.

April 10, S.W. and self to Baraderes in P.M. up wonderful river.

April 11. Mother, David and self to Petit Dros in G.M.
4:00 P.M. left for Cayemites.
6:45 P.M. Dropped anchor under grand Cayemite

April 12. S.W. ashore to collect
3:00 P.M. Hove up anchor and left for Petit Cayemite.
4:05 P.M. anchored in Jim Little Cove. The island looks like the north country. Rocks and big trees. Ashore collecting until dinner. many frigens.

April 13. Ashore in P.M. and. Down to Grand Cayemite. To west side of island in P.M. and found many birds.

April 14. S.W. ashore collecting.

April 15. S.W. ashore collecting

April 16. Watson and S.W. ashore. reported seeing large iguana.
(a gap here in record)
April 19, left Jeremie 7:45 P.M.

April 21, 1:40 P.M. anchored Bigie Bay.
S.W. ashore & collected a few birds.

April 22 S.W. ashore and got 5 guineas.

April 23. ashore in A.M. collecting Black-crowned night heron & 2 eggs from nest.

2:15 P.M. under way.

April 25. 11:00 a.m. Dropped anchor off aux Cayes.

April 27, 12:30 P.M. up anchor and proceed toward Ile à Vache.

2:30 P.M. anchored in ~~Port~~ Fort Bay, Ile à Vache the most beautiful bay we have seen. Surrounded by vivid greens of palms, mangroves and other trees Limestone ridges running north and south shield the bay on the east and west. On the south shore the land is flat with many palms and native houses. The regional dip of the rock is toward the northward, and the indentations on this end of the island, forming three good bays appear to be the result of erosion across the strike of the rock. The rock is compound of rather thin layers from six to eighteen inches thick of Limestone and Clay shale.

April 28, S.W. and Watson ashore hunting.

April 29. S.W. and self to Aux Cayes in the outboard for supplies, mail, etc.

April 30 S.W. and Watson ashore.

May 1. S.W. and self went to market about 4 miles east along shore. Returning we stopped by (name not given) Cay and shot 4 frigeons and a white. Swinged over.

May 2 a.m. Went alone to Aux Cayes for mail. S.W. collecting

May 8. 6:00 P.M. Up anchor and away from Cayes

May 9. 2:45 P.M. Anchored in Bigie Bay.

May 10. 12:20 A.M. Anchor up and under way for Navassa Island.
7:15 A.M. anchored in Lulu Bay, Navassa Island.
8:15 A.M. S.W. and Watson ashore collecting.
10:30 A.M. Went ashore to Cook for ~~Watson~~ S.W. and found him at lighthouse. Surface of Navassa very rough.
1:50 P.M. Left Navassa.

May 13. 2:00 P.M. Anchored at Petite Goave

May 14. S.W. and self ashore in P.M. to La Goave. Very rough country and thick.
Watson Killed nice group of 3 iguanas on B.G. and natives brought in 5 more alive.
4:30 P.M. up anchor and away.
8:20 P.M. anchored Port-au-Prince.

May 23. 8:00 A.M. Left Port-au-Prince.

May 29. Arrived Miami.